

REMARKS

This response is offered in reply to the office action of May 7, 2002. A petition and fee for a three month time extension are enclosed.

In paragraphs 1-2 of the office action, claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. Applicants have cancelled claim 4. Reconsideration is requested.

In paragraph 3 of the office action, claims 1, 2, and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) in view of the Fehrenbach '320 patent.

This rejection is believed to be in error. In particular, the '320 patent simply does not disclose the features set forth in amended claim 1 wherein, in combination with the other features set forth, a diaphragm is recited to form a first chamber that communicates to pressurized fuel entering the first fitting and leaving the second fitting and a second gas-containing sealed chamber on an opposite side of the diaphragm. The '320 patent does not disclose such features.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 8 is requested.

Applicants appreciate allowance of claim 12 and the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 3, 5-7, and 9-11 as set forth in paragraphs 4-5 of the office action.

Applicants have added new claim 13, which is believed allowable. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee for new claim 13 to my deposit account No. 20-1124, although no fee is believed to be due for claim 13.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable, and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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